

APPROVES THE ALLIANCE. Ex-President Cleveland Says the Farmers Are All Right.

STURDEVILLE, O., May 12.—A few weeks ago J. A. Hill, corresponding secretary of Oak Grove Lodge, No. 22, Farmers' Alliance, near this city, wrote to ex-President Cleveland, enclosing a copy of the declaration of purposes of the alliance and asking for Mr. Cleveland's views thereon.

The ex-President said in reply, among other things: "I see nothing in this declaration that cannot be fully endorsed by any man who loves his country, who believes that the object of his government should be the freedom, prosperity and happiness of all our people and who believes that justice and fairness to all are the necessary conditions to its useful administration."

Lost Time. Industrious and frugal endeavor; wrecked health may sometimes be regained by temperance and self-denial; forgotten knowledge may be brought back by earnest study; friends that have been alienated may be won again by assiduous attention; forfeited reputation may be measurably restored by penitence, humility and fidelity; but time once lost is lost forever. The moments that are gone come back no more; the priceless hours that have escaped us in our listlessness, our idleness and our folly, no toils can win them, no wealth can purchase them back. No prayers, no tears, no repentant sighs can give us that which, when we had it, we idly cast away. To-day God gives us time, and with it opportunity. The precious gift is in our hands; the past cannot be recalled; the future cannot be foreseen. To-morrow, of which we so often boast ourselves, may never come to us. We do not live to-morrow. We cannot find it in title deeds. The man who owns whole blocks of real estate, and great ships on the sea, does not own a single minute of to-morrow. It is a mysterious possibility not yet born. It lies under the sea of midnight, behind the vale of glittering constellations. Now, in the living present, is the hour of probation, the opportunity for improvement, the day of salvation. Let us redeem the time, because the days are evil.

Superstitious Miners. From the New York Sun. A remarkable story is told in connection with the explosion at the Morfa colliery in Wales. It is stated that recently the firemen of the pit—men who are always selected for gravity and responsibility—have heard inexplicable noises, "shoutings" as they are described, in the workings, and that these have not been heard by one person alone, but by several, when in company examining the pit. Further, a miner returning to the surface felt himself to be accompanied by some invisible presence, which, although not seen by him, was perceived by the bankman to land on the bank, and hastily makes its way to the shed where the injured and dead are now carried. It is alleged that these strange phenomena were described previously to the explosion and caused several colliers to refuse to descend, in spite of their thus becoming liable to prosecution.

A Second Term. From the Kansas City Times. Hon. R. H. Norton, member of Congress from the Seventh Missouri district, has some rivals ahead who will contest his renomination. Although Norton is serving his first term he has made a good record. The Sedalia Gazette points to the retention in their seats of Bland, Hatch, Heard and Dockery as illustrations that the one term principle has little acceptance in Missouri when the sitting member proves worthy of his constituency. There seems no sufficient reason why Norton should not succeed himself.

Call Ananias! From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The editor of the Mexico Ledger is a member of the Mexico City Council. At a recent meeting of the board, in the absence of the Mayor, he presided. On the adoption of a resolution the vote was a tie. He declared the resolution adopted and directed the clerk to record the Mayor as voting in the affirmative; that he was in the city and unavoidably absent, and were he present would so vote. This ruling, the Chair in explanation stated, was in line with the rules and orders of the present Federal House of Representatives, always recognized as the highest authority on that subject in the country.

Three Chicago belles have daily foot races at Atlantic City. They are Mary Carlton Cooke, daughter of a grain operator; Eloise Vane, heiress to a million, who wears a gold trophy won in a running match at school; and Roberta A. Brown, who reads Latin, understands horse racing, discusses Ibsen and can outswing any other Western Brownings with the Indian clubs.

Valuable Town Property for Sale. The corner lot of 60 feet front and 114 back, corner of Promenade and Washington streets, for sale at \$60 per foot. Apply to J. W. Dearing, Mexico, Mo.

Hancock Post G. A. R. will have a special meeting Saturday night to arrange for Decoration Day. By order of commander. A. F. Rnd.

Card From McLean. To the Editor of the Ledger. MEXICO, Mo., May 13.—Please allow me space through the columns of your paper to explain a few matters.

If the people knew that bank stock had, for the last 17 years, been assessed at 62 1/2 cents on the dollar, and that the law governing its assessment, I know an explanation would be unnecessary. The law is this: Sec 7538 Revised Statutes, says: Bank stock shall be assessed as other personal property is assessed. Now there is but one construction to this, namely: If the live stock is assessed for less than its full value, bank stock shall be—and we know it is—hence bank stock shall be. Now the value of live stock is its assessed value, which is one-third its real value, is three dollars to one, or three times the bank stock assessed at its full value. Now the board had to raise all the values of live stock according to the section of law just referred to or reduce the bank stock.

If live stock be raised the raise comes off of the farmer. Now, which was best? To raise the value of the live stock (which was three times the other) or reduce the bank? We did the latter, making it a raise of 2 1/2 per cent over former assessments. Again, the law says the Board of Equalization shall equalize the assessments in proportion. Now, with private money and notes at full value, bank stock at 65 cents on the dollar and real estate and live stock at one-third its value, I would ask you if it was in proportion? It certainly is not, hence we placed private money and notes on an equality with the bank. The farmers give in over \$100,000 more money and notes than all the banks of the county. Then what class of people are the most benefited? The farmers of course. The banks have formerly been allowed this reduction; now the farmers have the same. Now, in regard to some assessments at Rush Hill, I will say I followed the law in each and every particular and defy any one to show the contrary. If a person fails to give in his property, from neglect or through fraud, I am not held responsible for it.

6-21 Respectfully, J. Y. McLEAN.

La Crosse Lumber Co., wholesale yard, clearing mill, dry kilns, Louisiana, Mo.

To the Democrats of Salt River Township. MEXICO, Mo., May 12.—It is known to many of you that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Constable of Salt River Township, subject to the Democratic primary, yet there are many whom I have not been able to see personally. To such I desire to say that I am now asking for the office for a second term. I believe it is strictly according to Democratic usage and custom to re-elect an officer after having satisfactorily discharged his duties for one term. This I have, at all times, endeavored to do. If you believe I have in a measure so done, I trust you will give me your votes and active support. I should have called upon every one of you personally had not my duties as Constable demanded that I remain at my office when not absent on business. There are times when the legal rights of parties are put in jeopardy if the proper officer is not on hand to serve process and other papers. This is my reason for not having made a canvass of the township. I hope further excuse will not be deemed necessary by you, and that you will give me your hearty support for re-election.

Respectfully, W. P. QUINSEBERRY.

The LaCrosse Lumber Co., formerly sold lumber dealers, now gives the consumer, through its branch office at Mexico, Mo., the advantage of good grades at low prices. One profit saved.

Home Testimonial. I have been asked frequently what benefit my wife and my daughter, Nora, have received by Dr. Lewin's glasses, and therefore I think it not out of place to publish that I am perfectly convinced of Dr. Lewin's skill as an oculist. The work he done for my family is perfectly satisfactory and my friends praise the doctor very highly. I do not hesitate to recommend him to all who need his services as I actually believe they will be benefited.

N. F. KILBORE, Mexico, Mo., May 10, 1890.

Other people save money by buying of La Crosse Lumber Co., besides getting better grades. Why should you not do the same?

Card from J. E. Jesse. I have been deterred from actively engaging in the canvass for the office of County Collector during the last few days of the time on account of the illness and death of one of my children. Many of you I now cannot see, but I hope to receive your support. I assure you I would not ask for an office that I did not need and feel that I was qualified to fill.

Respectfully, JOSEPH E. JESSE.

Be sure and call and inspect La Crosse Lumber Co.'s stock.

J. V. Williams, County Clerk, has just completed a set of road maps of each road district in the county, showing the sections and school districts in each road district. They are now ready for distribution.

Miss Polly Sims, of Thompson, daughter of I. J. Sims, was thrown from a fractious horse Tuesday and broke her right shoulder bone.

D. M. Hill, of near Mexico, was married to a lady of Moberly last night.

A. F. Rnd.

A PIONEER GONE. Death of Mrs. Emily Hookaday at Fulton, Mo., at the Age of 84.

FULTON, Mo., May 12.—At 7 a. m. to-day, at her residence near this city, Mrs. Emily Hookaday breathed her last. Her approach to the inevitable hour was awaited with the faithful assurance of a Christian hope. Her sons and daughters, all well advanced in years and well-known throughout this State, stood around the bed of the dying and aged mother and watched the life so inexpressibly dear to them flow out.

Resolutions of Respect. The following resolutions were adopted by Washington F. & L. Union, No. 3130, at its regular meeting, May 10:

WHEREAS, Our brothers, J. M. and I. C. Hickman, have been sorely afflicted in their family by the death of their mother and sister within a few hours of each other; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we sympathize with our brothers in this, their hour of trouble, and while we extend to them anew, through the dark valley of the shadow of death, the hand of fraternal fellowship, we commend to them the promise that the dead in Christ shall rise again. And further:

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in each of the Mexico papers, the Union Banner and Journal of Agriculture; also, that a copy be presented to the family and a copy spread upon our minutes.

FRED TOMKINS, B. F. JAMES, JR., B. F. JAMES, SR., Committee.

Live Stock Market. ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 13.—The National Stock Yards, of East St. Louis, furnishes the following quotations:

CATTLE.—The receipts to-day were 2,500 head; the shipments were 400 head. The market was quoted steady. The sales ranged as follows: Good to fancy native steers, \$4.00 to \$4.10; fair to good steers, \$3.50 to \$3.60; butcher steers, medium to choice, is not quoted; stockers and feeders, at \$2.50 to \$3.00; Texans and Indian steers, quoted at \$3.10 to \$3.20; range steers, not quoted.

HOGS.—The receipts to-day were 6,400 head; the shipments were 700. The market is higher. The sales ranged as follows: Fair to choice heavy were quoted at \$3.95 to \$4.07; packing grades, at \$3.90 to \$4.00; medium to good, at \$3.80 to \$3.90; fat to choice, at \$3.70 to \$3.80.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—The receipts to-day were 1,300 head; the shipments were 600. The market was steady. Fair to choice grades of sheep were quoted at \$4.00 to \$4.10; fat to choice, at \$3.90 to \$4.00; muttons, not quoted; mixed lots, not quoted.

All notices to pressers. All persons are hereby notified not to enter the premises of the undersigned for the purpose of fishing or any other purpose without permission. Our fences have been damaged and our stock injured, and in the future we shall hold all trespassers to a strict accountability under the law.

Alex. Carter. C. H. Hardin. R. S. Fletcher. C. L. Phillips. J. No. Armistead. Edward Self. N. Sneed. F. T. Harris. David Sneed. M. C. Barnes. Geo. Johnson. Robt. Johnson. Robt. Kerr. John H. Hill. Wm. Lee, Jr. W. O. Johnson. Jas. O. Dowell. W. T. Dyon. D. D. Mallory. T. J. Powell.

DEAD LETTER LIST. MEXICO, Mo., May 14, 1890.

LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the office at Mexico, Mo., for the week ending May 15, 1890, which if not called for within two weeks, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

Asbury William Old Mollie Beard J. W. Robinson Mrs E. Christian Nancy Rutherford Mollie Lyle Lullier Shelton Mollie Ely Matilda Shurling Henry Elston Mrs Lizzie Wells Mrs J. W. Hamilton Mrs F. W. Weigart Geo. W. Hamilton Louie White Bell W. Hawkins Mrs Ella McDonald W. L. Hamilton Martin McManing Mrs L. Leach Alice lifton Harry 2 Mangel Clara JOHN W. BEATTY, Postmaster.

Address: BIG CIRCUS! Menagerie AND— Real Roman Hippodrome! At Mexico, Monday, May 19 AFTERNOON AND NIGHT.

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Call and get prices. Office and warehouse, North Jefferson St. (old Gill & Garrett building), Mexico, Mo.

A Grand Picnic! Will be given at Crigger's Grove, one half a mile south of MARTINSBURG, MO., ON— Wednesday, May 21, Benefit of the Catholic Church.

A good floor provided for those who wish to dance. All other kinds of amusements.

SPEAKING! By all the prominent candidates for county offices.

Meals and refreshments of every kind on the grounds. A general good time is anticipated and everybody is invited to come.

HARNESS! HARNESS! Edw'd Roth, Llewellyn, 12219, Sired by Happy Medium 400.

First dam Dixie, dam of Lexington Boy 2:25 3/4, by Richelieu, sire of Montgomery 2:28 3/4, Gertrude Hackaway 2:30 1/4, Orianna 2:27 1/4, son of Mambrino Chief 11.

Second dam by Gill's Vermont, sire of Bonner Boy 2:25, Kentucky Whip, sire of Longfellow Whip 2:29 1/4 and six dams that have produced eight trotters.

Third dam by Grey Eagle, a thoroughbred.

Fourth dam by Hancock's Hambletonian, son of Imp. Diomed.

Fifth dam by West. Basington, Archy, by Imp. Diomed.

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Promontory, 2460, Sired by Happy Medium, 400.

First dam by Bourbon Chief, sire of Calmar 2:22, Lookout sire of Jim 1:19 1/4, and the dams of Pickard 2:18 1/4, Fullerton D. 2:19 3/4, Alta 2:28 1/4, Orianna 2:27 1/4, son of Mambrino Chief 11.

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Respectfully, McLony & Frank, CORNER OF WASHINGTON & PROMENADE STS., MEXICO, MISSOURI.

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Heavy Brown and Fine Muslins, bleached factory; Cheviots, 5 CENTS Canton Flannel, Gingham and White Dress Goods all at per yard.

Double width cashmere, worth 18c. Our price 12-1/2. Dress Goods, Hamburgs, Vandyke trimmings, etc., ever brought to this city, all new and fresh.

Also have all colors in trimming silks and surah silks in all shades at 50c per yard, worth 75c.

In fact, we have the cheapest line of Dress Goods and Trimmings to match ever brought to Mexico.

Also have Ladies' Fine Shoes worth \$1.75; our price \$1.25. Real Fine Dongola Shoes worth \$2.25; our price \$1.50.

Men's fine shoes at the same prices. We have the cheapest lot of white Mohair trousers, silk finish in gray, tan, mixtures, drabs, blue, green, fawn, myrtle and black, worth 75c. Our price 50c.

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The Fine Kentucky Saddle Harness Saddle, DILLARD DIAMOND

Will stand the present season of place known as the Potosi race, half a mile Southeast of Mexico, will serve masters at \$10 the race, \$15 to insure, money due when ascertained, mare parted with moved from the track without.

DESCRIPTION AND DILLARD DIAMOND was sired by Diamond 1st, dam Nora by closer, thoroughbred; 2d dam caught, Mark Diamond; 3d dam by Old Mark Diamond; 4th dam John Dillard; 5th dam Mark Diamond by Galus' Danvers; 6th dam by Indian Chief, son of Imp. Diomed; 7th dam by the great mile race horse, Wagoner; 8th dam the dam of the race horse, John Thompson, 2:16 1/4, also, Wild 2:22 1/4; Reputation, 2:19 1/4, etc.

DIAMOND traces back to the most complete of saddle horses ever known, will be noticed above, name of our light horse, comes from the same family. Dillard is a regular, steady, sound, and handsome and beautifully gaited and smooth gait. Breeds true, and never determining where they will breed.

Also, at the same place can be seen three pure blood

Catalonia Spanish JACKS, Imported to the United States on 27th of last July.

Terms for Jacks: \$8 the season, \$10 to insure. Pedigree of the above named animals shown to customers.

Pasturage for horses on liberal terms. Care taken to prevent accidents, not responsible should any occur. I offer \$75 for the best colts and three Jacks at weaning time, and for the premium colt got by either these Jacks.

A. K. Laughlin, OFFICIAL STATEMENT of the Condition of the SOUTHERN BANK OF MEXICO, at Mexico, Andraun Co., at the Close of Business on the Thirtieth day of April,